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THE WEATHER

Oregon—Rain in west portion; fair and cooler in east portion.
Washington—Rain.
Idaho—Rain or snow

WHAT HAS IT WROUGHT?

The people of Oregon may set but little store, and less hope, by their Legislature.

It has become anything but what it is supposed to be, a helpful, commanding, care-taking agency, in the scheme of government; it has lost its original status, and has descended to the level of a huge bi-ennial gamble, in which private and corporate ends are sought, and worked, to the utter exclusion of the first and righteous interests of the people; it is given over to chicanery, to jobbery and juggling, to self-concern and the sophisticated play of mis-fit men in mis-fit place; what of honorable prompting and honest desire, for the public good, inspires the few real minds in this aggregation, are smothered by the cheaper and commoner lusts of the hour, laughed down, or brutally banned, to make way for things that pay better.

We confess our entire and justifiable contempt for the clan; and for such as do not like it, we point, lacking all pride, to the bunch now at Salem, on the eve of adjournment without having accomplished a solitary notable and conspicuously serviceable piece of work for the State of Oregon. For those who were actuated by decent and manful thought to the clever doing of their duty, we have sympathy and commendation, if it be of any account to them; but on the whole, we, with the people at large, are frankly and finally disgusted. Oregon is entitled to better service than this! Will she ever get it?

THAT CANAL REPORT.

The report just submitted to the Congress by Colonel Goethals, the Government's chief engineer, in charge of the construction of the Panama Canal, is an eye-opener to the country and a slamming rebuke to the meddlers who would have disrupted this huge and costly enterprise and delayed it for years, for the attainment of a pusillanimous revenge upon the President for having thrust his hand into the midst of their dirty intrigues.

The report is voluminous, and neglects no detail of the stupendous undertaking upon which the slightest question might be hinged or an issue raised; all the particulars of construction are given; all the lines, levels, bearings, qualities, and matters of concern, are paraded with extraordinary candor and consummate technical presentment; nothing is slurred over, nor treated lightly; the last atom and item of value, interest and necessity, is given plainly, simply and honestly, by men to whom the project is of tremendous personal and professional concern and whose ultimate advantage from its magnificent success is of pride rather than of dollars and sheer profit.

We are glad the showing has been made; and, with the rest of the country, we hope the great work will be permitted to go forward unhampered by the senseless spleen of a few discredited Senators and Representatives, and the carping efforts of the inspired "interests" to defeat it.

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Good for Pacific Northwest Soil and Climate. For use in all best buildings. Ask for Diamond Brand. It is the only one that will give you the best results. Portland Cement Co., Portland, Oregon, and Spokane, Wash.

SPREAD THE REST.

Astoria, in the past 80 days, has received practically one half of her rainfall of 72 inches for the current year. It has been very depressing, this vast visitation of rain and mist and snow and ice and cloud, with their concomitant nuisances, but we have borne it cheerfully, and take hope that the other three feet of water that are to fall upon us, may be so distributed over the balance of the year, as to make the coming a matter of relief and pleasure, rather than of oppression and depression. We are a reasonable lot down here; we know the value of our rains and would not do without them for they are the mainstay of our unprecedented good health in this section and are needed for many other things; but we confess that the piling of them up and pouring them out in one long deluge has its drawbacks and makes for that "tired feeling" to which we are comparative strangers here. The rain is alright; its division and distribution are what count.

Admiral Sperry declares that the cruise of the big fleet has been successful from every point of view. It is the greatest moving-picture old Neptune has ever witnessed.

When Arizona and New Orleans are admitted as states they will be smart enough to give more time to the subject of irrigation than that of hitching up with political bourbonism.

Brazil not only welcomes but promotes Japanese immigration. The United States is willing that Brazil should monopolize it, so the matter ought to be adjusted without serious restriction.

When President Roosevelt shall surrender the keys to his successor there will be no unfinished business on the desk or in any of the pigeon holes. He has cleaned up everything and everybody.

Japan notifies Korea that unless rioting stops, stringent measures will be taken. The mikado has some troubles near home and is satisfied that Uncle Sam will be able to hold Nevada within bounds.

In discussing an uplift for the farmers the president recommends a larger use of the parcels post. The spectacle of 40,000 rural delivery carriers going their daily rounds with miniature loads because the parcels post rate is still 18 cents a pound is one of the absurdities of the age.

Among the congressmen who recently visited Panama is Kennedy of Ohio, who is an engineer by profession. He says the canal problems are those of immensity, not intricacy, and that the engineering difficulties in constructing skyscrapers are greater than any connected with the isthmian waterway.

A Mexican paper declares that Northern Mexico has known coal fields capable of yielding 3,000,000 tons of coal a year for the next hundred years. Statistics like this ought to be soothing to the man who watches the coal pile into the cellar, but somehow the aversness of coal deposits fails to make the fuel problem any easier.

WALKING JEWELRY SHOP.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Joseph Sanford, who was arrested on the street last night, is described by the police as "a walking jewelry shop." He had in his pockets at the time 17 gold stickpins, three gold rings, two bracelets one gold chain, three diamond rings, four gold chains with lockets, one pair of gold cuff buttons, and a quantity of gold in the form of broken jewelry.

WASHINGTON GREETSD CONSERVATIONISTS

PROGRAM AND PERSONAL OF THE CANADIAN AND MEXICAN DELEGATIONS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The program of the North American Conservation Conference which opened in Washington today, has been completed and the main features of it have just been made public. The President will receive the Canadian and Mexican Commissioners at 10 o'clock this morning in the East Room of the White House. The members of the Cabinet and of the National Conservation Commission will be present. The Canadians and Mexicans will be presented to the President by Secretary of State Bacon. This session will be wholly informal and brief. At its conclusion, the Conference will proceed to the Diplomatic Room of the State Department, where the regular sessions will be held. It is probable that the remainder of the morning will be taken up with formal addresses of welcome and responses of the visitors. In the afternoon the Conference will take up its work in earnest. It is expected that the sessions will continue the remainder of the week.

The evenings of the foreign delegates will be very fully occupied with various social functions that have been arranged by their compatriots and Government officers in Washington.

The personnel of the delegations from Canada and Mexico guarantee the accomplishment of real results from the Conference, for all the members are experts in the natural resources of their countries.

Canada will be represented by the Honorable Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture of the Dominion, under whose administration many of the regulations concerning the use of Canada's resources were adopted, and Dr. Henri S. Beland, a member of the Canadian parliament, who is a well-known authority on these subjects. The Canadian delegation will also be accompanied by Robert E. Young, land expert in the Canadian Department of the Interior, who will act as its Secretary.

To represent Mexico, President Diaz has sent Romulo Escobar, Manuel A. De Quevedo, and Carlos Sellier. Senor Escobar, who heads the delegation, is one of the foremost authorities in Mexico on the agriculture of the country. He has been at different times Minister of the Department of Agriculture and of the Department of Forestry. With his brother, he edits the farm paper El Agricultor Mexicano, and he presented a paper on "Agriculture in Mexico" at the time of the St. Louis Exposition. Senor De Quevedo is the present Ministry of Forestry.

REBUILDING THE ZONE.

How mechanical development made possible the succoring of Italy in the terrible calamity recently undergone, where a few decades ago, months must have elapsed ere material assistance could have been given her is thrillingly told in an article in the March number of Popular Mechanics. It says:

"Interesting feature after feature can be given of the work of getting aid to the injured, but to the American—and the United States can be proud of the millions it sent—the sailing of the 'Celtic' was accomplished with a speed that calls for enthusiasm. No better example can be given to show how governmental tape can be torn away and quick action made possible, when such is required. It is true that the 'Celtic' was partly loaded and nearly ready to sail as a 'Christmas Ship' for the 'Battle Fleet,' but the dispatch with which additional supplies were placed on board was extraordinary. The quake occurred on Dec. 2. It was two nights later before news, attesting the extent of the needs required, was received. On that night the plan for sending the 'Celtic' to Italy instead of to the fleet was conceived, and the next day the ship sailed."

And—"The United States Government can be given the credit of being the first country, outside of Italy itself, to formulate and put into effect a plan for helping to rebuild the stricken cities. By January 15 money was plentiful in Italy, but material for rebuilding was scarce. The United States government, which had voted \$500,000 in addition to the supplies sent on the 'Celtic,' therefore planned a program for sending material to construct a large number of

sham houses or sheds to shelter earthquake sufferers. Secretary of the Navy Newberry busied himself waiving aside all red tape, and two hours after the order reached New York the first ship had been chartered and was being laden with material. The first vessel carried material for 500 houses, and four head carpenters to take charge of the construction. Other vessels were also chartered by the government and two of three weeks later all were on their way to Italy with material enough for several thousand houses. This was the start in making the devastated region again habitable."

CENSUS-TAKING SIMPLIFIED.

"Although the population may have increased 15 to 20 per cent since the census of 1900, entailing a proportionate increase in the volume of work required, it is the belief of the officials that they will be able to complete the coming census at a cost of but little, if any, in excess of the last census," says the March Popular Mechanics in an illustrated article. "This economical miracle will be made possible through the introduction of remarkable machines for the saving of time and labor. It is expected that by the aid of these new machines a force of clerks will be able to turn out one-fourth and perhaps one-half as much more work as was accomplished in 1900."

"Mechanical mathematicians of one kind or another have been used in the U. S. census office since 1870, but the system of electric tabulation which will be employed for this census will be so far in advance of all predecessors in the matter of machinery employed, as to mark a new era. The census will be compiled by the card index system, with a card for every man, woman, and child in the country, but it will differ from the card index systems found in the average office in that the information will be recorded by punching holes in the cards instead of records with pens or typewriters. The positions of the holes on each card will indicate facts relative to the individual whose biography the card holds." The article further explains how the holes are punched and counted as required for the various statistics.

OLD AGE ANNUITIES.

Plan Of Insurance Suggested By Senator Hansbrough.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Senator Hansbrough today introduced a bill providing for a system of old age annuities designed to take the place of the demand for an old age pension for government employees but extending to all classes. Under it the government would undertake to receive deposits and to allow three percent compound interest thereon. If a person at the age of 20 years deposited 25 cents a week, at the age of 60 years such person would be allowed an annuity of \$129.91. In the case of death of the annuitant prior to reaching sixty, the amount deposited, together with the interest, would be paid to his or her heirs.

"It is also provided," explained Mr. Hansbrough, today "that a person of any age may deposit a lump sum equal to the amount that would have accumulated had such person become a depositor at the age of 20 and receive the annuity at the close of the sixty year period. The minimum annuity is fixed at fifty and the maximum at \$1200 for anyone person, but the head of a household may make old age deposits for the members of his family."

"The advantages in this plan of insurance are first its complete security, and second, that the government is to give the service without any charge to the beneficiaries."

MESSAGE FROM KANSAS.

Governor Hoch Talks on Question of Waterways.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—"I bring a message from Kansas that we are with you on the deep waterway and will do all we can do to get it," said former Governor Hoch of Kansas, who is here to deliver an address. "We want and must have water transportation from ocean to ocean through our natural resources, rivers great lakes and canals and you business men must do the work."

"I want to say something about Kansas—the Sunflower State—that will do you good. We are the center of the United States—the hub of the country."

"We raise more wheat, more corn, more alfalfa and more trouble (when it is necessary) than any other state in the Union. We are 400 miles long, 200 miles wide, 4000 miles deep and reach to the blue sky, in fact, we are the juicy meat in the human sandwich of the entire country, and why? Because our men vote, go to the polls, and work for the best interests of Kansas."

GOOD HOME MADE BLADDER REMEDY

OLD FOLKS WHO SUFFER FIND PROMPT RELIEF IN SIMPLE HOME MIXTURE WHICH ANYONE CAN EASILY PREPARE.

Here is a prescription that anyone can mix at home. Any good prescription pharmacy can supply the ingredients named at little cost; being composed of vegetable extracts, it is harmless and inexpensive. Best of all it does its work well, relieving even the worst forms of bladder trouble, frequent urination, backache, kidney complaint, and by its direct action upon the eliminative tissue of the kidneys, makes these most vital organs rid the blood and system of waste matter and uric acid which causes rheumatism.

Here it is; try it, if you suffer. Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces.

Shake well in a bottle and take in teaspoonful doses after each meal and at bedtime.

Former sufferers often state that one week's use shows curative results in nearly every instance, and such symptoms as lame back, frequent desire to urinate, pain in bladder and even chronic rheumatism are generally relieved within a few days the pain and swelling diminishing with each dose.

STATUE OF CUSTER.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—In the studio of E. C. Potter a sculptor at Greenwich, Conn., there is nearing completion a model of a statue of General Custer who was killed by the Indians under Sitting Bull at the

Little Big Horn. It will be erected by the State of Michigan, at Monroe, that state, Custer's home town. The statue is to be of heroic size, similar in many respects to the St. Gauden's General Sherman in Central Park here. Custer is shown bareheaded, mounted on a spirited horse, with his long hair streaming in the wind. He is garbed in a military cloak. Mrs. Custer recently visited the studio and gave her approval of the model.

INSANELY JEALOUS.

Commits Suicide After Shooting At His Sweetheart.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Crazed at the thought of Anna Wisgent becoming the wife of another, Anton Tuhani killed himself last night after firing several shots at the girl, and her father.

Anna, who had refused to marry Tuhani, was shot in the head and seriously wounded. It is believed that she cannot recover.

According to the story by Wisgent, his daughter and Tuhani had been keeping company for some time. Tuhani was an ardent wooer, and had tried to induce the girl to elope with him. Her father objected to her becoming the wife of Tuhani on account of the youth of the pair and he told the suitor to wait for a while. Tuhani came to the house and for two hours pleaded his suit. He had heard that the girl looked with favor on another young man and he said he would kill her and himself too, before he would allow her to be the wife of anyone else. The shooting followed.

VANDERBILTS RETIRING.

Gradually Disposing Of Family Control Of N. Y. Central.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—The Spuyten Duyval and Port Morris Railroad, a short connecting line 5.31 miles, extending from Spuyten Duyval to Moothaven on the Bronx and used as a means for the New York

Central to enter the heart of New York City, has been sold by the Vanderbilts to the New York Central system. The sale marks the first transfer by the Vanderbilt family of any of the important connecting links in the central system which were handed down to the present generation by the late Commodore Vanderbilt. The transaction, according to the Tribune today, is indicative of the fact that the Vanderbilt family is withdrawing more and more from the railroad field, particularly from active identification with the New York Central system. It is said that all members of the family were in sympathy with the sale. The consideration was part of the \$4,000,000 3 1/2 percent first mortgage bonds of the New York Central authorized last year. E. V. W. Rossiter, for many years treasurer of the New York Central, arranged the sale, it is said although in some places it is reported that it is the result of influence brought to bear by E. H. Harriman who recently became a director of the Central, and by W. C. Brown, the new president.

At any rate it is pursuant to a policy determined upon by the management to obtain control of all properties essential to the operation of the system.

The will of Cornelius Vanderbilt who died in 1900, a son of the late William H. Vanderbilt and a brother of W. K., left \$494,000 in stock of the Spuyten Duyval and Port Morris Road half of the entire capital stock. The other half, it is supposed was inherited by Wm. K. Vanderbilt, for William H. divided the residue of his estate equally between these sons. As the central is said to have purchased the entire stock it is assumed that both branches of the Vanderbilt family agreed on the transaction.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box 25c.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

Astoria Savings Bank

At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, February 5, 1909.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$481,261.24
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	1,185.36
Bonds, securities, etc.....	23,044.29
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures.....	80,936.57
Other real estate owned.....	9,475.00
Due from banks (not reserve banks).....	852.75
Due from approved reserve banks.....	130,998.35
Exchanges for clearing house.....	1,538.86
Cash on hand.....	70,827.89
Total.....	\$800,120.31
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$125,000.00
Surplus fund.....	113,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	14,563.33
Due to banks and bankers.....	4,168.86
Individual deposits subject to check.....	287,957.08
Demand certificates of deposit.....	17,313.59
Time certificates of deposit.....	144,840.96
Certified checks.....	6,000.00
Savings deposits.....	87,276.42
Total.....	\$800,120.31

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss: I, Frank Patton, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FRANK PATTON, Cashier.

Correct—Attest:
J. Q. A. BOWLBY,
J. W. GARNER,
FRANK PATTON,
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of February, 1909.
FRANK J. TAYLOR,
Notary Public.

Hoarse coughs and stuffy colds that may develop into pneumonia over night are quickly cured by Foley's Honey and Tar, and it soothes inflamed membranes, heals the lungs, and expels the cold from the system.
T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

Condensed Report of Condition of the

Scandinavian-American Savings Bank

OF ASTORIA, OREGON,

as made to State Bank Examiner, February 5, 1909.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and securities.....	\$146,579.15
Furniture and fixtures.....	4,457.69
Due from banks.....	\$ 9,465.04
Cash on hand.....	12,516.68
Total available funds.....	21,981.72
	\$173,018.56

LIABILITIES.	
Capital paid in.....	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus.....	3,500.00
Undivided profits.....	367.15
Deposits.....	119,151.41
	\$173,018.56

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

First National Bank

At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, February 5, 1909.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$453,893.01
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	1,671.49
U. S. bonds to secure circulation.....	40,000.00
Premium on U. S. bonds.....	1,200.00
Bonds, securities, etc.....	54,430.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents).....	46,307.23
Due from State and private banks and bankers.....	18,145.21
Due from approved reserve agents.....	114,190.42
Checks and other cash items.....	989.99
Notes of other National Banks.....	1,795.00
Nickels and Cents.....	430.15
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie.....	\$166,800.00
Legal-tender notes.....	135.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation).....	2,000.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer.....	334.68
Total.....	\$902,322.18

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund.....	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	17,085.58
National Bank notes outstanding.....	40,000.00
Due to State and private banks and bankers.....	951.53
Dividends unpaid.....	1,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check.....	\$600,015.98
Demand Certificates of deposit.....	\$118,269.09
Total.....	\$902,322.18

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss: I, S. S. Gordon, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. S. GORDON, Cashier.
Correct—Attest:
JACOB KAMM,
G. C. FLAVEL,
W. F. MCGREGOR,
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of February, 1909.
V. BOELLING,
Notary Public.

Foley's Orino Laxative cures constipation and liver trouble and makes the bowels healthy and regular. Orino is superior to pills and tablets as it does not gripe or nauseate. Why take anything else? T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.